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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken to strengthen the technological capabilities of Indian industries both for meeting the national needs and providing global competitivenes;:

(b) the specific bodies established to facilitate development of new technologies by providing support to industries asd institutions carrying out Research and Developmen; and

(c) the achievements made during the last three years in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Programme Aimod at Technological Self Reliance (PATSER) Scheme is operated by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) in the Ministry of Science & Technology.Under this scheme, partial financial support in the form of grant-in-aid is provided to industry, alone or jointly with national laboratories and universities, for indigenous technology development & demonstration, and absorption & upgradation of imported technologies. The grant -in-aid under the PASTER scheme covers prototype development, pilot plant demonstration, research, consultancy, user trials, etc.

(c): The achievements made under the PASTER scheme during the last three years include: completion of over 20 projects, involving a total project outlay of more than Rs. 13 crores and DSIR grant of about Rs. 4.5 crores; and approval for 36 new projects involving a total project outlay of more than Rs. 70 crores and DSIR grant of nearly Rs.17 crores. The completed technology development projects supported under PASTER scheme have resulted in significant technological achievements by the industries concerned besides building up their Research & development capabilities.